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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCTION OF SILICA GRAIN HAVING DESIRED PROPERTIES AND THEIR FIBER OPTIC AND SEMICONDUCTOR APPLICATION

RESPONSE

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 11, 2003, applicant provisionally elects Group III claims.

The requirement is traversed. All claims are classified in the same class, and all subclasses are examined in the same art unit.

The process as claimed cannot be practiced by hand nor by another apparatus materially different from the apparatus as claimed in Group I and Group II claims.

The Group IV subcombinations as claimed are not separately usable from Group III claims.

Applicant provisionally elects the species of Figure 8.

Claims 1-19, 25-30, 34-45, 46-58, 78-106, 109-118 and 119-129 read upon that species.

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Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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